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### Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

HELEN SHIBRU

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**Period for Reply** -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 15-17, 19-22, 27, 28 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 15-17, 19-22, 27, 28 and 30-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. The amendments, filed 11/09/2009, have been entered and made of record. Claims 1, 15-17, 19-22, 27-28, and 30-37 are pending.

***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 15-17, 19-22, 27-28, and 30-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The Examiner would like to respond to Applicant's argument.

Applicant states, "The pre-command of De Haan does not launch the playlist title, but only the Title Menu."

In response the Examiner respectfully disagrees. As agreed by the Applicant, the pre-command will result in launching the title Menu, and then launching Title Menu will lead in launching the play list file. De Haan clearly teaches Play list is accessible via title Menu. Similarly the present Application discloses that PlayList is accessible via PlayList file name (see figure 13 of the present Application where the PlayList are launches via PlayList file name).

As clearly stated on the Examiner interview conducted 10/29/2009, The Examiner strongly believes that the cited prior art teaches the limitation.

In addition, The Present Application discloses "PlayList\_Linker" which provides one or more pre-navigation commands, 'Pre Command', a playlist file name 'PlayList\_file\_name,' and one or more post-navigation command 'Post-Command'. The pre-command provides one or more navigation commands to control the associated path item (e.g., whether to reproduce the identified playlist). See paragraph 0076. The playlist file is launching using playlist file name not

using pre-command. No where in the specification to be found that the Pre-Command launches the single playlist file directly, it is the playlist file name that launches as clearly shown in figure 13 of the present Application. The first path item includes pre-command and playlist file name. The playlist file name indicates the file name of a playlist for possible playback. Launching the playlist performed using playlist file name after the pre-command function is performed. Therefore the prior art of De Haan teaches accessing a playlist using the play list title.

In addition, although De Haan teaches play lists, it is possible that menu includes only one or single playlist, and that single playlist will be accessible via the title (referring to name). But nonetheless the Examiner provided additional reference to show that one playlist file name corresponds to one playlist.

Applicant's representative stated that the Examiner seemed persuaded by the argument that Hamada does not disclose different extension file name.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Neither the Examiner nor the Supervisor persuaded by the Applicant's representative arguments. Hamada teaches separate files and creating different extension for separate files is taught by the prior art and as combined, so therefore it is well known.

Therefore the claimed invention does in fact read on the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above and as stated in the detail Office Action as follows.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 19-22 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato (US PG PUB 2002/0145702 A1) in view of De Haan (US PG PUB 20090180757) and further in view of deCarmo (US Pat. No. 6, 643, 450), Hamada (US PG PUB 2008/0253742) and Kato (US PG PUB 20030086568).

Regarding claim 1, Kato discloses a computer readable medium storing a data structure for managing reproduction of at least video and audio data performed by a reproduction device comprising: a data area storing a stream file including at least one of video and audio data (see figure 14 M2TS); and a clip information area storing a clip information file (see figure 14 CLIPINF), including timing information of the at least one of video and audio data (see paragraphs 0167, 0199 and 0267); the timing information including an entry point map mapping presentation time stamps to source packet addresses of the at least one of video and audio data (data address being paired to the PTS see paragraphs 0195 and 0345, see also paragraph 0167 and figures 33-34) a playlist area storing a playlist file including at least one playitem (see figure 14, PLAYLIST), identifying a pair of in-point and out-point pointing to the presentation time stamps (see figures 3, 6A-6B, and figure 7) in a clip of the at least one of video data and audio data (see paragraphs 0168, and 0268-0274); a navigation area storing at least one navigation file (see fig. 28 and paragraphs 0226, 0234, and figures 6, 9, and 14); and the stream file, the clip information file, and the playlist file, are separate from each other (see figure 14 where it shows the PLAYLIST, the CLIPINF, and M2TS are recorded separately).

Claim 1 differs from Kato in that the claim further requires the navigation file including a path item, the path item including a first navigation command for launching the playlist file and a second navigation command for proceeding to a next path item.

In the same field of endeavor De Haan teaches a navigation area storing at least one navigation file including a path item, the path item including a first navigation command for launching the playlist file (see paragraphs 0045, 0064 and 0083, 0103-0104, pre-command calling title menu, and playlists are accessible via the title menu), and a second navigation command (post command) for proceeding to a next path item (see table 2 and paragraph 0079). Therefore in light of the teaching in De Haan it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kato by providing a PGC with pre and post command in order to arrange video object on a disc.

Claim 1 further differs from the above combination in that the claim further requires the path item providing parental control information for the at least one of video and audio data.

In the same field of endeavor deCarmo teaches PGC (path item) providing parental control information (see figure 5 unit 514, for example and col. 2 lines 24-38 and col. 7 line 51-col. 8 line 10). Therefore in light of the teaching in deCarmo it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the above proposed combinations by including a path item that provide parental control information in order to allow user interactivity via an on-screen display tool.

Claim 1 further differs from Kato and Hamasaka in that the claim further requires the stream files, the clip information file, the playlist file and the navigation file are separate and have different extensions from each other.

In the same field of endeavor Hamada teaches the stream files (AV stream with extension mpg), the clip information file CLIPINF with extension clpi), the playlist file (PLAYLIST with extension plst) and the navigation file (info with extension dvr) are separate and have different extensions from each other (see figure 5). Therefore in light of the teaching in Hamada it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the above proposed combination by separating the files in order to control or have access to each file individually.

Claim 1 further differs from the above combination in that the claim further requires launching a single playlist file.

In the same field of endeavor Kato teaches creating playlist file name for a single playlist (see paragraphs 0121-0122). Therefore in light of the teaching in Kato it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the above combinations by providing a single file name for a single play list in order to add specific flag on each playlist.

Claim 19 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1 above.

Claim 20 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1 above. See also claims 10 and 12 of Kato.

Regarding claim 21, the limitation of claim 21 can be found in claim 1 above. Therefore claim 21 is analyzed and rejected for the same reasons as discussed in claim 1 above. See also claim 6 of Hamada and paragraphs 0305 and 0493 of Kato.

Regarding claim 22, the limitation of claim 22 can be found in claims 1, 20 and 21 above. Therefore claim 22 is analyzed and rejected for the same reasons as discussed in claims 1, 20 and 21.

Regarding claim 27, deCarmo discloses an interface unit configures to communicate with the controller to select one of the different parental control reproduction paths (see col. 7 line 48-col. 8 line 10).

Regarding claim 28, deCarmo discloses wherein the interface unit receives user input on the different parental control reproduction paths, and the controller controls the reproduction of the at least on of video and audio data based on the user input (see col. 8 lines 15-40).

5. Claims 15-17 and 30-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato (US PG PUB 2002/0145702 A1) in view of De Haan (US PG PUB 20090180757) and further in view of deCarmo (US Pat. No. 6, 643, 450), Hamada (US PG PUB 2008/0253742), Kato (US PG PUB 20030086568), and Nakatani et al. (US PG PUB 2002/0114614).

Regarding claim 15, although the combinations of Kato, De Haan, decarmo, Kato, and Hamada teaches the claim limitation of claim 1, the applied prior arts fail to teach the path item includes a length indicator indicating a length of the path item.

However, in the same filed of endeavor Nakatani teaches the path item includes a length indicator indicating a length of the path item (see paragraphs 0069 and 0075 where the prior art teaches the PGC includes length indicator). Therefore in light of the teaching in Nakatani it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the above proposed combinations by including an indicator in order to identify the path item effectively.



Regarding claim 16, Nakatani teaches the path item further includes an attribute indicator providing an indication of at least one attribute of the path item (see paragraphs 0069 and 0075 where the prior art teaches indicators of the PGC).

Regarding claim 17, Nakatani teaches the navigation file further includes a field indicating a number of the path items in the navigation file (see paragraphs 0069 and 0075).

Claim 30 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 16 above.

Claims 31, 33, 35, and 37 are rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 17 above.

Claims 32, 34, and 36 are rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 16 above.

### ***Conclusion***

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN SHIBRU whose telephone number is (571)272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on (571) 272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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